

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Began mark up of the following bills: H.R. 3719, Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 1996; and H.R. 3720, Small Business Investment Company Reform Act of 1996.

Committee recessed subject to call.

MASSACHUSETTS' REQUEST FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held an oversight hearing on the Massachusetts request for Disaster Assistance from the SBA. Testimony was heard from Bernard Kulik, Associate Administrator, Disaster Assistance, SBA; the following officials of the State of Massachusetts: Bruce Tarr, Senator; Bruce Tobey, Mayor, Gloucester; and Trudy Coxe, Environmental Affairs Secretary, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SAFETY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 3187, Aviation Safety Protection Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAILS TO TRAILS ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Agency Oversight: Administration of the Rails to Trails Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Dan King, Director, Office of Public Services, Surface Transportation Board; and Anthony R. Kane, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIAN ELECTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine the impact of the recent election in Russia, after receiving testimony from James F. Collins, Ambassador-at-Large for the New Independent States; Michael McFaul, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Peter Reddaway, George Washington University, and Blair A. Ruble, Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies/Woodrow Wilson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

coln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building". Signed July 9, 1996. (P.L. 104-157)

H.R. 2437, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado. Signed July 9, 1996. (P.L. 104-158)

H.R. 2704, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located on the 2600 block of East 75th Street in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building". Signed July 9, 1996. (P.L. 104-159)

H.R. 3364, to designate a United States courthouse in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon United States Courthouse". Signed July 9, 1996. (P.L. 104-160)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to abstinence education, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant At Arms, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1800, to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the FERC wholesale open access transmission rule (Order No. 888), 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1738, to provide for improved access to and use of the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness, 2 p.m., SD-366.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D704)

H.R. 1880, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lin-